



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
NISHIOKA, et al.

Application No.: 09 092,652 ✓

Filed: June 9, 1998 ✓

Group: 2871

Title: OPTICAL ELEMENTS (SUCH AS VARI-FOCAL LENS
COMPONENT, VARI-FOCAL DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL
ELEMENT AND VARIABLE DECLINATION PRISM) AND
ELECTRONIC IMAGE PICK UP UNIT USING OPTICAL
ELEMENTS

Examiner: Ton, M.

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December 18, 2002

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002 please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

71. (Amended) An optical apparatus comprising:

an optical system comprising an optical surface which is rotationally asymmetrical with regard to an optical axis and an optical element which has a variable optical characteristic;

an image pickup device constructed and arranged to pick up an image formed by said optical system;

a display function for displaying an image which is picked up;